

IN CASE OF EVACUATION

Red Cross shelters do not accept pets. Prepare a list of backup arrangements, such as homes of friends and family, hotels that allow pets, boarding facilities, veterinarians, and/or animal shelters. Evacuate your pet as early as possible. We do not recommend that you leave your pet behind during an evacuation.

If you must, follow these guidelines to help ensure your pet's safety.

- Post a highly visible sign in the window to let rescue workers know how many pets were left behind.
- Leave plenty of water in a large, open container that cannot be tipped over. If possible, leave a faucet to drip or partially fill a bathtub with water.
- Leave plenty of dry food. Do not leave vitamin treats, which can be fatal if over-eaten.
- Do not tie or cage your pet! The chances for survival are greater if he/she can move around. Leave your pet in a room with no windows but adequate ventilation, such as a bathroom, utility room or garage. Keep cats and dogs separate, even if they usually get along well.

If Your Pet Is Lost

- Immediately call or visit the nearest animal shelter to report your pet missing.
- When it is safe, return to your neighborhood to post and distribute "Lost Pet" posters. Be sure to include your name, home address and home, work and cell phone numbers. It's always helpful to include a current photograph of your pet.

- Continue to search the area for your missing pet. A frightened animal can stay hidden for days.
- Call neighbors and service workers, such as mail carriers, police, firefighters and PG&E workers for leads.

If You Find a Lost Pet

Notify your local animal shelter as soon as possible. Be prepared to give a full description of the animal. Include breed, color, and sex and location where animal was found. Remember that sick and/or injured animals can become unpredictable from fear and pain, and should be handled only by professionals with proper equipment. Keep the found animal isolated from your pets.



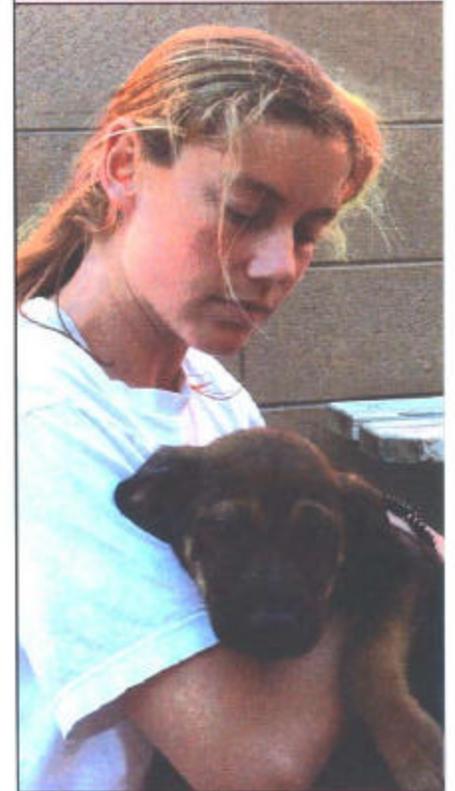
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IN THE EVENT OF an emergency, a well practiced disaster program will not only reduce stress, but also will save precious time – and possibly lives. These are Berkeley Animal Care Services recommendations to help keep you and your pets safe during a disaster.



BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

Identify Your Pet

Keep your pet's city license current. Make sure that collar and identification tags are worn at all times. Consider having a safe, permanent microchip implanted in your pet. This type of ID cannot fall off or be easily removed. Berkeley Animal Services offers microchipping services, as do many veterinarians.

Crate Train Your Pet

Train your pet to enter his/her carrier or crate at your command. Try putting your pet's favorite treat in the carrier and sounding a bell at the same time. Repeat this process every day, until your pet comes running at the sound of the bell. Continue this routine often enough to keep it fresh in your pet's mind. This training will be extremely helpful when locating a frightened animal. It's also important to make sure your pet is comfortable being handled.

Prepare a First Aid Kit

Include:

- pet first aid manual
- large and small bandages
- scissors
- tweezers
- cotton swabs
- antibiotic ointment
- hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting or clean deep wounds)
- elastic tape (vet wrap)
- saline eye wash
- ear-cleaning solution
- K-Y Jelly (water-soluble lubricant)
- soft muzzle
- any special medications prescribed by your veterinarian

Develop a Neighborhood Plan

Get to know your neighbors and their pets. Keep a list of their home, work, and cell phone numbers (remember to update these frequently) and select a neighborhood coordinator who will be ready to assist should a disaster occur when you are not at home. Give the coordinator a signed letter authorizing emergency veterinary care for your pet. Make sure this person spends much of his/her time at home or working within walking of your neighborhood. Select one or two backup coordinators in case the primary person is not available.

Disaster Pet Supplies

A prepared disaster kit, kept in a safe easily accessible place, will enable you to provide immediate care to your pet in an emergency. A calm, well-trained pet, either on leash, or in a carrier, will be more welcome wherever you go.

Include:

- pet first aid kit
- sturdy crate or pet carrier
- identification tags and collars
- leashes and/or harnesses
- food and water (a week's supply for each pet)
- spill-proof bowls
- litter box and litter
- any special medications
- manual can opener and plastic lid
- copies of your pet's vaccination and history and microchip number
- recent photos of each pet
- phone number of local emergency veterinary hospital
- phone number of your local animal shelter or this brochure
- long-term confinement equipment: chains, cable runs, tie out stakes, portable caging
- large plastic bags for pet cleanup